

August 12, 2004

LS01(LRM)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: LS01/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Approval to Attend a the Chamber of Commerce's
Huntsville/Madison County Annual Outing

In accordance with 5 CFR 2635.204(g)(2) and (3) and 14 CFR 1207.103 (c)(4), and pursuant to a memorandum of delegation to the Chief Counsel dated January 11, 2000, I make the following determination. It is in the best interest of the Government to permit NASA employees who receive invitations to attend the Chamber of Commerce Annual Outing at Ditto Landing on September 21, 2004, and to do so in their official capacity as NASA representatives.

For the past 20 years, the Chamber of Commerce has hosted an annual fish-fry/social event to show its appreciation to NASA and military activities located at Redstone and the Marshall Space Flight Center and to further the beneficial working relationship between the community and Federal agencies located in Madison County.

This event will be a widely attended gathering of approximately 300 representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, industry, local elected officials, and Federal agencies. NASA and the Army develop their own invitation lists. The cost of the outing is estimated to be \$20 per person.

Based on NASA's significant interest in fostering and maintaining a constructive working relationship within the Huntsville/Madison County community, I conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may not, appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees may attend the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Outing.

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